NOTICE OF DECISION SUBJECT TO APPEAL USDA FOREST SERVICE

Allegheny National Forest, Marienville Ranger District Wetmore and Hamlin Townships, McKean County, Pennsylvania South Branch Kinzua Creek Project

On August 7, 2008, District Ranger Robert T. Fallon signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact to implement Alternative 3 of the South Branch Kinzua Creek Environmental Assessment. The South Branch Kinzua Creek Environmental Assessment, Decision Notice, and Finding of No Significant Impact are available upon request from the Marienville Ranger District and on the Allegheny National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/vegetative_management/

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. An appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer (36 CFR 215.8) within 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice.

Written appeals shall be sent to: Leanne M. Marten, Appeal Deciding Officer, Attn: Appeals & Litigation, USDA-Forest Service, Eastern Region, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Appeals may be faxed to (414) 944-3963, Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. Normal business hours (for hand-delivered appeals) are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Electronic appeals should be directed to appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Electronic appeals should be in txt, rtf, doc, pdf, or other Microsoft Office-compatible formats.

The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal (36 CFR 215.15(a)) and those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the appeal-filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of appeal disposition. In the event of multiple appeals of the same decision, the implementation date is controlled by the date of the last appeal decision.

It is the responsibility of interested parties to respond to this notice within the established time period. Please contact Kevin Treese, District NEPA Coordinator, at 814-927-5759 if a document is not available or delivered at the expected time, to ascertain its availability, and, if necessary, arrange an alternate delivery method.